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U.S. to Trim Subversive Group List

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Attorney General John N. Mitchell has asked the Subversive Activities Control Board —already accused of having virtually nothing to do—to declare nonexistent 54 organizations listed as Communist fronts.

Mitchell announced that he was filing petitions with the five-member board to remove the organizations from the Justice Department's list, where some have been listed since 1939.

Among them was the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, a volunteer group of Americans that fought for the defeated Loyalist forces in the Spanish Civil War.

Although the board has been rendered virtually powerless in a series of court rulings, the federal government still regards membership in organizations on the subversive list as "one factor to be considered" in determining employment.

The other organizations that Mitchell asked to be declared nonexistent included the American National Labor Party, the American Nationalist Socialist Party, the Boston School for Marxist Studies, Central Japanese Association of Southern California, the Black Dragon Society, Bridges - Robertson - Schmidt Defense Committee of San Francisco, American Polish League of Los Angeles, American Jewish Labor Council, American League Against War and Fascism, and American Committee for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia.